

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joe Fox on 6/3/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5, line 1, "4" has been deleted and ---l--- has been inserted therefor.

Claim 31, line 27, "or, on the order of the atomic % of impurities" has been deleted.

Claim 43, line 28, "or, on the order of the atomic % of impurities" has been deleted.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims are allowable over the closest prior art to Yamanaka et al. for the reasons argued by Applicant in the response filed 2/29/08. Yamanaka et al. fails to teach, suggest, or otherwise render obvious the claimed invention requiring a ferromagnetic layer and a magnetic layer formed from CoCrPt or CoCrPtM wherein the Pt content of each layer is defined as is the dynamic coercivity of each of the layers relative to one another.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Holly Rickman whose telephone number is (571) 272-1514. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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